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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: May I know when the Hon. the Leader of the House replies to questions on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister, he himself replies to the question or after consulting the Chief Minister?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, this is an internal matter in which the hon. Member is not entitled to any information.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: It is the privilege of this House. The question is addressed to the Hon. the Chief Minister and the Hon. the Leader of the House is replying on his behalf.

MR. CHAIRMAN: When a reply is given on behalf of some other Minister he is supposed to have consulted the Hon. Minister concerned.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: That the Hon. the Leader of the House can say, Sir, that he consulted the Hon. the Chief Minister.

State Transport Buses

* 38 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received to run State Transport buses from Madras to Thirumazhisai; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Madras State Transport Department is now operating one service on the route Madras to Thirupathi (via) Thirumazhisai. The Government as a policy have decided not to operate new short distance routes and hence it is not proposed to open a new route from Madras to Thirumazhisai.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: From the reply given by the Government, can it be taken that no route of shorter distance has been opened after that recommendation?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: No; there are two things. The State Transport does not open any short routes. The private operators are certainly allowed to open routes wherever there is a demand.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: May I know the definition of a short route?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Tentatively we have decided that the State Transport will run buses on routes of over 120 miles only.

S.S.L.C. Public Examination

* 39 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates examined for the S.S.L.C. Public Examinations held in March 1959 and in March 1960; and

(*b*) the number declared eligible for University Course in each of the above years?